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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant** : George Pratt  
**Appl. No.** : Not Yet Assigned  
**Filed** : Herewith  
**Title** : Sliding Bearing Element and Method of Producing  
**Grp./A.U.** :  
**Examiner** :  
**Docket No.** : 710100-24

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

**Commissioner of Patents**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the first action, please amend the application as follows: